



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SOUTHEAST ARKANSAS COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2022 Retreat
April 1, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Cheatwood, Chair
Rebecca Pittillo, Vice Chair
Marc Oudin
Dr. Lamont Davis
Ken Johnson
Donna Dial

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

Shauwn Howell, Secretary

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT, MORNING SESSION:

Mr. Steven Bloomberg, President
Wanda Grimmatt, Executive Assistant to the President, Recorder

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT, AFTERNOON SESSION:

Mr. Steven Bloomberg, President
Wanda Grimmatt, Executive Assistant to the President, Recorder
Debbie Wallace, Vice President for Financial Affairs
Barbara Dunn, Director of College Development

GUEST PRESENT:

I.C. Murrell
Heartsill Ragon

GUEST PRESENT VIA ZOOM (afternoon session only)

Grandon Gray
Dan Askenazi
Stacy Pfluger
Lozanne Calhoun

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Rob Cheatwood called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to move into Executive Session was made by Ken Johnson. Motion seconded by Rebecca Pittillo. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:08 am.

Chair Cheatwood reconvened in open session Meeting reconvened at 10:41 am.

Board met in Executive Session, discussed President Bloomberg's evaluation. No action taken.

PRESENTATION /DISCUSSION OF FY 2022 TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE

President Bloomberg presented request to raise tuition for the upcoming fiscal year. President Bloomberg recognized Vice President Wallace. Vice President Wallace presented the status of current fiscal year tuition and fees, and where SEARK stands in comparison to other 2-year institutions in Arkansas. Vice Chair Pittillo requested dates of last tuition increase, in addition she requested amount of raises and bonuses over the last 5 years. Director Barbara Dunn answered questions concerning the number of scholarships currently offered.

Discussion item only, no action taken.

UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

President Bloomberg introduced Heartsill Ragon. Mr. Ragon presented update on the construction project. Mr. Ragon, stated, due to changes in the bond market, it may be necessary to divide the project. Due to the possible need to make this change, he presented a revised resolution for Board consideration. The Board will need to vote on any changes to the building project. In addition, the revised resolution will need to be re-presented to the ADHE Coordinating Board. Board discussed the pros/cons of the proposed changes. A special session will be called to vote on revised resolution.

Chair Cheatwood adjourned for lunch at 12:14 pm.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Chair Rob Cheatwood called the afternoon session to order at 1:41 pm.

Change to agenda

DISCUSSION REGARDING JULY 2022 BOARD MEETING

President Bloomberg stated on July 1, 2022, we will welcome in our new Board Chair, Rebecca Pittillo. After discussion, motion made by Rebecca Pittillo to not hold the July Board meeting. Motion seconded by Ken Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Not on agenda

2022 ACCT CONGRESS

President Bloomberg presented recommendation, due to budget constraints, to limit attendance at ACCT Congress to 4 Board members. Chair Cheatwood recommended allowing any who wish to attend, be able to attend. Board consensus is to go with Chair Cheatwood's recommendation.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ON NEW THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Chair Cheatwood yielded the floor to President Steven Bloomberg. President Bloomberg presented the rough draft of the new 3-year Strategic Plan. He provided an overview of each pillar and the goals for the upcoming year. Requested Board review and send any recommendations to him. No action required at this time.

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Marc Oudin. Motion seconded by Rebecca Pittillo. Vote to adjourn the meeting, unanimous. Meeting adjourned, 2:31 pm.

Shawn Howell, Secretary

Wanda Grimmett, Executive Assistant

*Audio file available upon request